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SENATE BILL 1297

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-712, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 41-712, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-712. Telecommunications program office; state contractor;
5 cost of operation; employees; report; exemption

6 A. The director shall establish a telecommunications program office
7 within the department to enter into a primary contract with a corporation
8 authorized to do business in this state for the contractor to provide for the
9 installation and maintenance of telecommunication systems and to act as the
10 state's agent for telecommunication carrier services to the offices,
11 departments and agencies of this state. **UNLESS EXEMPTED BY THIS SECTION,**
12 each office, department and agency of this state shall contract with the
13 primary contractor through the telecommunications program office and make
14 payment to the primary contractor for its telecommunications needs. The
15 department shall submit for review by the joint legislative budget committee
16 its initial contractor and carrier cost rate structure by agency and fund
17 type and shall submit a request for review to the joint legislative budget
18 committee for each subsequent rate structure modification.

19 B. With the approval of the director, the telecommunications program
20 office may enter into more than one contract for each statewide
21 telecommunications product or service not provided by the primary contractor.

22 C. The director shall pay administrative costs of the
23 telecommunications program office and, **UNLESS EXEMPTED BY THIS SECTION**, each
24 office, department or other state agency shall pay from available monies the
25 proportionate cost of administration of the office as determined by the
26 director. In carrying out this subsection, the director shall only employ
27 those contract managers, telephone operators, help desk personnel and
28 forensic investigators required to oversee the primary contract and
29 administer efficiently the telecommunications program office.

30 D. The department shall prepare and submit an annual consolidated
31 telecommunications budget report to the joint legislative budget committee in
32 connection with its annual budget request showing the previous fiscal year's
33 actual payments and the next fiscal year's anticipated payments charged and
34 received by the primary contractor from state offices, departments and
35 agencies for telecommunications services.

36 E. All procurement pursuant to this section shall be as prescribed in
37 chapter 23 of this title unless otherwise provided by law.

38 F. Any contract involving the use of a state highway right-of-way is
39 subject to approval pursuant to sections 28-304, 28-363, 28-7045, 28-7048 and
40 28-7209.

41 G. **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE COTTON RESEARCH AND PROTECTION**
42 **COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 3-1082.**